

Amendments to the Specifications:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 8, line 26 of the specification with the following paragraph:

In a further preferred embodiment the said switchable polymer is obtained by the acid hydrolysis of a polymer of methyl vinyl ether copolymer and maleic anhydride, the said hydrolysis being performed in such a way as to open up the maleic anhydride rings to give each a pair of adjacent attached carboxyl groups. Advantageously, this acid hydrolysis is performed in such a way as to open all the rings in the anhydride.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 9, line 4 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Typical examples of switchable commercial polymers according to this invention are those obtained by the acid hydrolysis of copolymer of methyl vinyl ether copolymer/maleic anhydride and maleic anhydride like the Gantrez™ products from the company ISP Chemicals which are identified by the trade names:

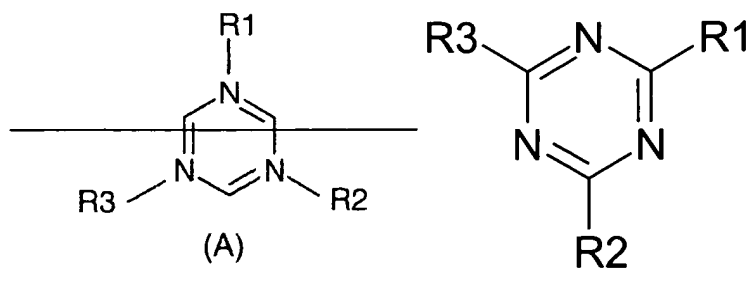
S 95 BF (weight average molecular weight = 200,000 – 300,000),

S 96 BF (weight average molecular weight = 700,000 – 800,000), and

S97 BF (weight average molecular weight = 1,500,000 – 1,900,000).

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 13, line 11 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Advantageously the triazine compound according to this invention will have the structural formula:



Where at least one of the substituents R1, R2 and R3 is NR'R'' and the others are H or NR'R'' and at least one of the substituents R' and R'' is -CH₂-O-Alk₁₋₄C and the other R' and R'', which are the same or different from each other, are H or -CH₂-O-Alk₁₋₄C.